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Chairman: Mr. MARSHALL (United Kingdom)

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The meeting opened at 3.45 p.m.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS (item 1 of the provisional agenda) (continued)

(a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

Election of Vice-Chairmen

1. Mr. KOBAYASHI (Japan), on behalf of Group B, nominated Mr. Klinkenbergh (Netherlands), Mr. Otheim (Norway) and Mr. Bussel (Israel).

2. Mr. GARCIA ROBLES (Mexico), on behalf of the Group of 77, nominated Mr. Chagula (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Birido (Sudan) and Mr. Bruce (Chile).

3. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), on behalf of Group D, nominated Mr. Gyorgy (Hungary).

4. Mr. Klinkenbergh (Netherlands), Mr. Otheim (Norway), Mr. Bussel (Israel), Mr. Chagula (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Birido (Sudan), Mr. Bruce (Chile) and Mr. Gyorgy (Hungary) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

5. The PRESIDENT said that the remaining three of the ten Vice-Chairmen would be elected at a later meeting.

(b) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION (TD/B/932 and Add.1)

6. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Board should adopt the provisional agenda as approved at the twenty-first session, together with the sub-headings which had been added to item 6 in consultation with the regional group co-ordinators.

7. It was so decided.

8. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Board to the secretariat's suggestions on the establishment of a sessional committee to consider agenda items 7 and 8 which would set up a Chairman's Contact Group to which the Board might refer certain items in order to expedite its work. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Board accepted the suggestions of the secretariat.

9. It was so decided.

10. The PRESIDENT said that the remaining agenda items would be considered by the Board in plenary meetings. He invited the Board to agree to the suggestion that a Contact Group of the President should be established to which the Board would refer certain items or sub-items and which would consider in particular the question of protections and structural adjustment (Conference resolution 131 (V)). The Contact Group would, as at previous sessions, consist of 10 members, nine from the Group of 77, six from Group B, three from Group D, and China, but would be open-ended. It would set up a sub-group to continue the consideration of item 7 - rationalization of the permanent machinery of UNCTAD.

11. It was so decided.

12. The PRESIDENT said he took it that the Board approved, as a whole, the suggestions of the secretariat concerning the organization of work, the tentative meeting time-table and the time-limit for the conclusion of proposals.

13. It was so decided.

INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS (agenda item 10)

(a) ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD AND ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP OF MAIN COMMITTEES

14. The PRESIDENT reminded the Board that States already members of the main Committees were not required to confirm that they wished to remain members. He suggested that any changes should be notified in writing by 6 p.m. on Monday, 16 March.

15. It was so decided.

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD

16. Mr. COREA (Secretary-General of UNCTAD) made a statement. _/

17. Mr. GARCIA ROBLES (Mexico), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the ideas expressed and the proposals made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in his statement might be a useful guide for the work of the session. He proposed that the statement should be circulated in all the working languages as an official document of the Board.

18. Mr. ITURRALDE (Secretary of the Board), indicating the financial implications of that proposal in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2292 (XXII), said that the cost involved was estimated at [illegible].

19. The proposal that the statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD should be circulated as a document was adopted.

The meeting rose at [illegible] p.m.

_/ The full text of the statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will be circulated under the symbol TD/B/C.1/[illegible].